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From the Desk of Brandon Seitz

As we move into the summer months numerous opportunities lie ahead of us. The number of alternative fueling stations continues to grow and Indiana now has announced eight ethanol production facilities and three biodiesel production facilities that are between the planning and construction phases.(more info) Projects and positive movement is also being seen in the other arenas such as renewable technologies. Updates will be provided as these initiatives progress.

In the past month, Indiana hosted the U.S. Secretary of Energy, Samuel Bodman, to provide him an opportunity to learn more about the energy plans for Indiana's future. The day began with the Secretary, Governor and Lt. Governor announcing the 30th E85 pump at Meijer. Officials from both Meijer and GM also presented.

Additionally, USDA Under Secretary Thomas Dorr was invited to Indiana by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. Both ISDA and OED had the opportunity to present the Under Secretary with the developments and Phase II announcement of BioTown, USA.

Energy's strategic plan "Hoosier Home-Grown" Energy is expected to be released in the upcoming weeks. Announcements will be made and once official, you will be able to view or download a copy of this plan.

Our round of grant programs is closed but we will soon announce the new programs for the next year. The announcement should be made sometime in June and the programs will be made available July 1, 2006.

With great enthusiasm, we continue to work and move forward on all fronts to provide Hoosiers with safe, reliable and feasible energy.

Sincerely,

Brandon Seitz
Manager of the Energy Division